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Applicants: Nika Adham, et al.  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JULY 28, 2000 OFFICE ACTION,  
DECLARATION OF NIKA ADHAM, BETH BOROWSKY, NIGEL LEVENS, AND  
RADEK C. SKODA UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131  
AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued July 28, 2000 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 28, 2000 Office Action was due October 28, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the July 28, 2000 Office Action. The fee for a three month extension of time for a large entity is EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$890.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With a three-month extension of time, a response was due January 28, 2001. However, since January 28, 2001 was a Sunday, under 37 C.F.R. §1.7, a response may be filed on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday, i.e., today, January 29, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being